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Summary and Comment

1. Activity picked up during the week. There was a rash of attacks (5) against various elements of the security forces in the northeastern Departments which could suggest the left is beginning to reorganize and strike back. There were also several bandit-style raids on houses and fincas in the Department of Escuintla and the southern part of the Department of Guatemala, and there are reports that lawlessness (not necessarily political) is increasing in that area.

2. The security forces in the Capital had another good week and in one action uncovered what was described as the largest cache of guerrilla supplies taken to date.

Attacks on Security Forces in Northeast

3. There were five such attacks this week, one each in the Departments of Zacapa, Izabal, Chiquimula, Jalapa and Jutiapa. A military convoy was attacked (one truck containing POL was destroyed), Comisionados Militares were attacked twice (one killed), and policemen were attacked twice (one killed). See enclosure for details.

4. No individual incident warrants special attention, but together they might point to something. The Departments involved are where the security

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List of Incidents

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Bandit Raids in the Southwest

Bombs at De Sola & Co.

Police Raid Guerrilla Safe Houses

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LIST OF INCIDENTS

- Aug. 9 - Policeman, Alfredo Samoyoa, shot and wounded in Chiquimula. No political motive known.
- Military convoy reported fired on from car at La Trampa, Dept. Izabal. One truck containing POL caught fire and completely destroyed. Attackers not identified.
- 10 - Héctor Rodolfo Sandoval Alegría escaped from a prison hospital and 2 days later was granted asylum in the Mexican Embassy. He is considered by the GOG to be a common, not political, criminal notwithstanding reports of guerrilla activity. His conviction dates from 1963.
- Dr. Octavio Hernández Pazos kidnapped at airport. No political motive known.
- 11 - Comisionado Militar, Carlos Humberto de Leon Torres, shot and killed near San Pablo, Dept. Zacapa. Motive unknown.
- Bomb caused superficial damage to Zone 10 house of Juan José Silva Pineda. He is manager of De Sola & Co. coffee interests and attack widely considered to be part of commercial not political dispute.
 - House presumed to be used as safe house by guerrillas discovered in Zone 7 by National Police. Contained medical equipment, propaganda and other documents.
 - Six uniformed armed men attacked house of Comisionado Militar, Salazar Bojorquez in Asunción Mita, Dept. Jutiapa, beat him and stole Q1000, revolver, and other objects. Press reports there have been other similar incidents in area. No political motive known.
- O/A 11 - Military Police Sergeant shot and killed by unknown assailants in San Pedro Pinula, Jalapa. He was reported to be head of group charged with anti-guerrilla activity.
- O/A 12 - Band of 14 armed men attacked house of Eulalio Morales Solís in Nuevo Concepcion, Dept. Escuintla. Press report indicates Víctor Morales S. (son) killed and 2 badly wounded defending house, and one of the attackers killed. Attackers identified themselves as guerrillas.
- O/A 12 - House attacked and robbed and 2 wounded in parcelamiento Montufar, town of Pedro de Alvarado, Dept. Escuintla. Attackers claimed to belong to FAR.

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- Aug. 13 - 3 bodies found on road to Siquinalá, Dept. Escuintla. They had been shot the day before and bodies showed signs of torture. They were identified as Eduardo Arévalo Gonzalez, Esteban Sunny Zerín and Isabel García Sánchez. No political motive known.
- Body killed by gunfire found in Poljá, Dept. Zacapa. Identified as Luis Arnoldo Salguero Ortiz. No political motive known.
- 14 - Bomb exploded at De Sola & Co. facility in Zone 1 of capital. Damage put at Q1000. Commercial circles rumor that commercial not political enemies to blame.
- 15 - Another bomb at De Sola & Co.; this time at facility in Zone 12 of capital. Damage estimated at Q800.
- Armed band claiming to be police agents raided finca of Longino Sánchez González near Fraijanes, Dept. Guatemala. Stole articles, including a rifle, with estimated value of Q500.
- 16 - One presumed guerrilla killed and 4 others fled in gunfight with police in Zone 6. Fight started as police radio car fired on in Zone 6 of capital. Police reinforcements came and other guerrillas fled. One policeman slightly wounded. In search of area, house discovered containing large quantities of arms, medical supplies, FAR propaganda, and Mimeographing equipment. Cache described by press as largest taken to date.
- O/A 16 - Body found near Barberena, Dept. Santa Rosa. Reports said he had been fired on with submachine guns from car, had 17 bullet wounds. No political motive known.

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